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1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CONSIDERED SUBJECT ITEM AT ITS MEETINGS ON JULY 21-22 AND COMPLETED WORK ON ITEM JULY 25 BY ADOPTING DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING WORLD FOOD COUNCIL'S THIRD SESSION. TEXT SENT REFTEL.) TWENTY-THREE DELEGATIONS AND REPS OF WFC, FAO AND WFP MADE INTERVENTIONS.

2. WFC REPORT WAS INTRODUCED BY WFC PRESIDENT TANCO WHO SAID MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT AT MINILA MEETING WAS TOTAL ABSENCE OF CONFRONTATION WHICH PERMITTED AGREEMENT ON MANILA COMMUNIQUE AND SHOWED THAT POLITICAL WILL DOES INDEED EXIST WITHIN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH WORLD FOOD PROBLEM. HE DREW ATTENTION TO IMPORTANCE IN CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY, OF NEGOTIATIONS IN IWC WHICH DUE TO START IN SEPTEMBER. REPORT OF CFA WAS INTRODUCED BY WFP'S DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS WHO
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STRESSED THAT PROPOSED $950 MILLION TARGET LEVEL FOR 1979-80 WAS REALISTIC AND SAID PROSPECTS FOR ATTAINING TARGET WERE GOOD.

3. NEARLY ALL SPEAKERS MADE COMPLIMENTARY REFERENCES TO SUC-CESS OF WFC'S MEETING IN MANILA. PHILLIPPINES FELT IT MARKED A "WATERSHED," WHILE JAPAN SAID IT WAS "REMARKABLY MORE USEFUL" THAN EARLIER SESSIONS. USDEL ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTTION, AND

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SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN MANILA COMMUNIQUE. ALL AGREED THAT INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN LDCS MUST CONTINUE TO HAVE HIGH PRIORITY BUT LDCS (BANGLADESH, TUNISIA, LATINS) ALSO STRESSED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. USSR AND BULGARIA TOOK TRADITIONAL LINE, PRAISING DETENTE, DAMNING EXPLOITATION, AND CALLING FOR DRASTIC STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND AGRARIAN REFORMS.

4. MANY DELEGATIONS ALSO VOICE SUPPORT FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, BUT ONLY A FEW ADDRESSED QUESTION OF 1979-80 PROGRAM TARGET LEVEL, WITH CANADA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TARGET AND FRG SUGGESTING THAT DECISION BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER NEXT CFA MEETING IN THE FALL.

5. IN ADDITION TO ADOPTING SUBSTANTIVE DRAFT RES ON THE WFC REPORT (E/6029), COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED TO TAKE NOTE OF CFA REPORT (E/6008) AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UN AND THE AFRICAN INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD (E/6007). VANDEN HEUVEL

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